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San Isidro Renovation Project:

I am happy to announce that the Santa Fe River Greenway at San Isidro Park Construction Project is actively under construction at this time after a short pause for a change order. Boulders are now being delivered to complete the rock wall to restore the river and build a continuous greenway of trails from the current City-County boundary to the Wastewater Treatment Plant. This project includes several drainage and erosion control structures, reconstruction of the trail, and re-vegetation and plantings of native trees and shrubs and is scheduled for completion by the end of September.

Romero Park Planning Meeting #2:

As reported to you last month, Santa Fe County is working on a Master Plan for the 82-acre Romero Park located in Agua Fria Village off of Caja del Oro Grant Road. The planning team will hold a total of three public meetings throughout the planning process, where the public will be asked to provide input on the park project

<u>PUBLIC MEETING #2 (of 3): ROMERO PARK MASTER</u> PLAN:

You are invited you to attend a public meeting and presentation of preliminary park options. Directly following the presentation, the public will have a chance to ask questions and provide input.

When: Tuesday, August 20, 2013; 5:30-7:00pm

Where: Nancy Rodriguez Community Center,

1 Prairie Dog Loop, Agua Fria Village

Agenda: 5:30 - Presentation

6:15 - O + A

6:45 - Wrap-up / Open House

Caja Del Rio Road Project 95% Complete:

Paving on Caja Del Rio is 95% complete; this project is scheduled for substantial completion by August 27, 2013.

The Roadway Improvements for Caja Del Rio project entailed the reconditioning 1.9 miles of the northern segment of this project north of Wildlife Way to the Santa Fe County Maintenance boundary. The southern segment south of Wildlife Way to the NM599 frontage Road consisted of a total reconstruction of 1.78 miles of roadway. Improvements also included the addition of 5 foot wide bike lanes throughout the entire length of this project.

County Assessor's Data Collection Project Completed:

County Assessor Domingo P. Martinez has announced the recent completion of the door to door residential data collection project conducted by Tyler Technologies, Inc. on behalf of the Assessor.

Tyler Technologies updated property information that also includes photos and floor plans which will be used to reappraise approximately 36,000 residential properties for the upcoming 2014 tax year.

County Assessor Martinez emphasizes that the Tyler employees have now finished their fieldwork and there should be no one representing themselves as Tyler employees needing information from property owners for the Assessor's Office. Martinez said, "I want property owners to feel safe and inform them that the only persons knocking on their door representing the Assessor's Office should be employees from my office who present proper identification. There may be a need for my staff members to follow up on information that Tyler Technologies was not able to collect."

The Assessor's staff was able to re-appraise the first 5,032 properties reviewed by Tyler Technologies in time for the April 1 mailing of the 2013 Assessor's Notice of Value. Of the 5,032 properties reappraised: 3% (151) were increased, 35% (1,761) were decreased, and 62% (3,120) were unchanged.

The remainder of the residential properties will be reappraised for the 2014 tax year. Valuation changes will be reflected on the 2014 Notice of Value; however, residential property values are still protected by the "Cap Law", which was implemented in 2001 by Speaker Ben Lujan. Under the "Cap Law" residential

property values for any year cannot exceed 3% of the prior year's value, unless the property was recently purchased or there was new construction on the property.

For more information please contact Gary Perez, Deputy Assessor at (505)986-6332.

New Bus Shelters Coming Soon:

The City of Santa Fe will soon install bus shelters on Agua Fria Road near Agua Fria Elementary School. Santa Fe Trails and its partners developed a new design for the shelters to reflect the local history, culture, and artistic tradition of Santa Fe. The shelters should be installed by August 19th.







Commissioner Chavez is working with staff and New Energy Economy to design a solar community which will include the Nancy Rodriguez Center, Romero Park and the Agua Fria Fire Station. New Energy Economy is a private nonprofit organization dedicated to energy efficiency by utilizing clean energy to power communities

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